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2405. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railways have offered projects worth over Rs. 4390 crore to the private sector under build-own-lease-transfer (BOLT) scheme; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the reason* for adopting this scheme of privatisation in railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of schemes tentatively selected for the purpose are as under:—

Schemes	Unit	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crore)
A. *PROJECTS*	*APPROX. DISTANCE (Km.)*	
1. *Gauge Conversion*		
(a) Mudkhed-Adilabad	162	108.0
(b) Agra-Bandikui	150	67.0
(c) Jodhpur-Marwar	104	58.0
(d) Wankaner-Maliya Miyana	80	51.0
(e) Viramgam-Mehsana	65	50.0
(f) Achnera-Mathura	35	20.0
2. *Doublings :*		
(a) Paradeep-Cuttack-Nerugundi	83	200.0
(b) Kanpur-Etawah (3rd Line)	139	153.0
(c) Ghaziabad-Hapur-Moradabad	141	128.0
(d) Diva-Vasai Road	42	90.0
(e) Kuttipuram-Calicut	56	54.0
(f) Diva-Panvel	26	47.0
(g) Guruvayoor-Kuttipuram	36	40.0
(h) Muradnagar-Meerut City	30	31.0
3. *Electrification :*		
(a) Itarsi-Allahabad	613	253.0
(b) Khurda Road-Vishakhapatnam	443	237.0
(c) Khargpur-Bhubaneshwar including Talchar-Paradip	522	214.0
(d) Renigunta-Hospet	423	136.0
(e) Saharanpur-Meerut-Ghaziabad Saharanpur-Shamli-Delhi Shahdara Meerut-Hapur-Khurja	405	110.0
(f) Jalgaon-Udhna	306	99.0
4. *Telecommunications :*		
(a) Replacement of existing analog microwave link by (34+2) MB/S Digital radio relay system on		
(i) Bhusawal-Nagpur		12.0
(ii) Gorakhpur-Lucknow		13.0
(iii) Bilaspur-Jharsaguda		12.0
5. *Bridges :*	*Number*	
(a) 2nd Mahandi Bridge	1	55.0
(b) 2nd Birupa Bridge	1	15.0

Schemes	Unit	Estimatec Cost (Rs. Crore)
6. *Road-Over-Bridge (ROB)*		
(a) ROB at Km. 613/9-10 Ramakrishnapuram (Hyderabad Division)	1	5.5
(b) ROB near Surat	1	4.0
(c) ROB at Km. 372/12-13 Dehera (Daund-Manmad)	1	0.8
(d) ROB at Km. 143/10-11 Bongaigaon (Bongaigaon-Guwahati)	1	2.4
(e) ROB at Km. 145/6-7 beetween Hospet & Kariganuru	1	0.7
(f) ROB at Km. 3/14-15 between Hubli & Kusugal	1	0.4
B. *ROLLING STOCK*		
Locomotives		
(a) Electric	107	441.0
(b) Diesel	110	253.0
Passenger Coaches		
(a) Coaches	1100	413.0
Freight Wagons		
(a) Wagons 4 wheel units	12000	600.0
Multiple Units		
(a) Electrical Multiple Units (12'-0" Stock)	350	215.0
(b) Mainline Elect. Multiple Units (10'-6" Stock)	150	90.0
(c) Diesel Multiple Units	150	90.0
Rail Buses		
B. G.	50	15.0
M. G.	30	6.0
C. *DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF STATIONS*	On the pattern of Bandra Station (Western Railway)	

With .the sharp reduction of budgetary support for the Railways development plans, from nearly 75% during ihe Vth Plan to only 17% during 1994-95, Railways ha3 had to depend upon fund9 drawn from its revenue surpluses and from those taken in market borrowing, which is an expensive source of funding, for the execution of its Projects.

Railways have, therefore, decided to allow entrepreneurs from the private sector to participate, on a Build-Own-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) basis, in such projects which, on commissioning, would generate revenue to enable the Railways pay back the stipulated lease charges to the entrepreneur. In this manner, the Railways expect to be able to execute many more developmental works than would have been ordinarily possible from the existing resources available to it.

Incident of theft of goods in Railways

2406. SHRI JALALUDDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the incident of theft of goods in railways have increased recently:

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn into a news item captioned "Railway thefts derail courier business" appearing in Patriot of 2nd December. 1994;

(c) if so, the details and Governments reaction thereto; and